

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents/carers

What to do if....	Action needed	Back to school
 <p>....my child has Covid-19 (coronavirus) symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for the test result • Inform school immediately about test results. 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and they have been symptom free for 48 hours.</p>
 <p>....my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when the symptoms* started (or from day of test, if no symptoms). 	<p>.....when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if their have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.</p>
 <p>....somebody in my house has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household members with symptoms should get a test • Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test results • Inform school immediately about test results. 	<p>...when household member tests is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*.</p>
 <p>....somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone tests negative during those 14 days. 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days.</p>
 <p>.....NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact of somebody with symptoms' or conformed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend schools • Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and trace)- even if they test negative during those 14 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too. 	<p>...when the child has complete 14 days of self-isolation, even of they test negative during those 14 days.</p>
 <p>....we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14</p>

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<p>period of quarantine</p>	<p>advice when booking travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information to school as per attendance policy. <p>Returning from a destination when quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 14 days- even if they test negative during those 14 days. 	<p>days.</p>
 <p>....we have received advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer/ Head of School • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...when school/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p>
 <p>...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms* need to get a test. • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive. 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYMPTOMS include at least one of a high temperature: a new continuous cough: a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. • See more at www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/ 		